Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0001]: FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0002]: BACKGROUND

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0005]: <u>SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION</u>

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] Based on this, the <u>an</u> object of the present invention is to create a novel device for suspending gas channel elements.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] This object is achieved by a device for suspending gas channel elements according to Patent Claim 1. The device according to the present invention for suspending gas channel elements has first plate shaped elements and second plate shaped elements, the first plate shaped elements and the second plate shaped elements being connected to one another via web like elements extending approximately perpendicularly to same and forming a meandering or erenelated profile. In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a device for suspending gas channel elements on a housing of a gas turbine comprises a plurality of first plate-shaped elements connected to a plurality of second plate-shaped elements. The first plate-shaped elements and the second plate-shaped elements are connected to one another only by web-like elements and each web-like element extends approximately perpendicularly to the first and second plate shaped elements to which it is connected and forms a crenelated profile extending in a circumferential direction of the housing. Preferably, a length of the web-like element in the circumferential direction being greater, by a multiple greater than one, than a

width of the web-like element in an axial direction.

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading before paragraph [0010]: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] Preferred refinements of the present invention arise from the subclaims and the following description. Exemplary embodiments of the present invention are explained in greater detail based on the drawing, without being restricted thereto.

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0014]: DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0014]

[0014.1] A device according to an embodiment of the present invention for suspending gas channel elements has first plate-shaped elements and second plate-shaped elements, the first plate-shaped elements and the second plate-shaped elements being connected to one another via web-like elements extending approximately perpendicularly to same and forming a meandering or crenelated profile.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] As is apparent in Figure 1, second plate-shaped elements 15, 16, and 17 are positioned between two adjacent first plate-shaped elements 11 and 12, 12 and 13, as well as 13 and 14, respectively. Each of these second plate-shaped elements 15, or 16, or 17 is connected at its opposite ends to one of the two adjacent first plate-shaped elements 11 and 12, 12 and 13, as well as 13 and 14 via a web-like element 18. As mentioned above, plate-shaped web-like elements 18 extend approximately perpendicularly to first plate-shaped elements 11 through 14 and second plate-shaped elements 15 through 17. Web-like elements 18 extend over the entire width of first plate-shaped elements 11, 12, 13, 14 as well as over the entire width of second plate-shaped elements 15, 16, and 17 in the connecting area with same.

Please amend the heading on top of page 7 as follows:

PATENT CLAIMS: WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: